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REMARKS

Claims 1, 3, 5-15, 18-27, 29 and 31-37 remain in this application. Claims 2, 4, 16, 17, 28 and 30 have been cancelled. Claims 1, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, 15, 27, 31, 32, 33, 34 and 36 have been amended.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the detailed study of the application and notes the rejection of all claims as anticipated by U.S. Patent no. 6,799,033 to Kanefsky. Applicant has amended the independent claims to place this case in condition for allowance.

The claimed invention as presented in this Amendment is directed to a communication system and related method in which a mobile device has a mail user agent and a mobile office platform, which is operative with the mail user agent for accessing one or more electronic mail boxes of the mail user agent, using at least one protocol specific connector. The mobile office platform is operative for providing only the n-most recent mail headers of electronic messages to the mail user agent. This can be accomplished in a default order of mail headers, which could be a unique identifier (UID). This order could be based on associative information about the electronic mail provider or electronic mailbox to be accessed such as a database associated with the mobile office platform and containing records of associative information for electronic mail providers. The associative information could

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be the name or version of an electronic mail protocol with the name on the electronic mail server. The mobile office platform could view a last item, a second-to-last item and other previous items, compare time stamps and decide what order for mail headers is to be implemented. A virtual mailbox is thus formed that is confined to a moving window within the user's mailbox.

The Examiner has rejected all claims as anticipated by Kanefsky. This patent is directed to a mobile telephone text messaging device having an integrated display that includes a past message display segment of static text and a message composition segment that functions as an input field. Kanefsky overcomes the problem with conventional mobile telephone short text messaging where a user typically manually checks for new messages or manually navigates through one or more display screens to view a message when it arrives. A user typically must flip between different screens to view old messages and type new ones. This is distracting to the user.

To overcome this problem in Kanefsky, an integrated display is rendered on a display screen of the mobile telephone text messaging device and includes a past message display segment of static text and a message composition segment that functions as a input field. The static text of the past message display segment displays one or more past messages. The input field of the message composition segment

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allows the user to input a new message on the same screen. This gives the user the impression that all the text messaging occurs within a single display window with a different connection to the other text messaging participant(s).

The Examiner argues that the n-most recent mail headers of electronic messages are sent to the mail user agent because Kanefsky reads on new message and past message number "n" referring to column 4, line 12 to column 5, line 10 and Figure 3.

Although a number of past messages may be displayed, Applicant notes that nowhere does Kanefsky disclose or suggest any type of default order of mail headers, the use of a unique identifier, or n-most recent mail headers being retrieved based on associative information, including a database containing records of associative information for electronic mail providers or electronic mail boxes to be accessed as now claimed.

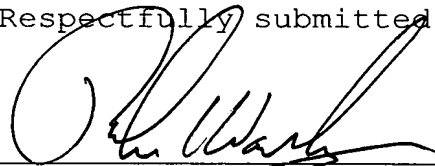
It is clear that Kanefsky poses and solves a different problem, i.e., solving the problem of displaying static text such that a user does not have to flip between different screens to view old messages and type new ones. The claimed invention, on the other hand, solves a much different problem and provides n-most recent mail headers in one of at least a default order of mail headers provided by the electronic mail protocol used for accessing an electronic

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mailbox or in an order based on associative information about the electronic mail provider and/or electronic mailbox to be accessed. This solves the problem in prior art systems of retrieving an entire list of message headers with excessive amounts of data, draining a device battery, packing storage space, and translating so many protocols for different messages.

Applicant contends that the present case is in condition for allowance and respectfully requests that the Examiner issue a Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due. If the Examiner has any questions or suggestions for placing this case in condition for allowance, the undersigned attorney would appreciate a telephone call.

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